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SENIOR STAFF MEETING

AGENDA

Director's Conference Room  
Second Floor  
Administration Building

MONDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1955

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Report on New Building

*Legislative Manpower - Funds*

Corridor Gossip

MR. DULLES

GENERAL CABELL

Progress Report on Consolidated Charities Fund Drive

[MR. REYNOLDS]

## STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's  
Conference Room, 214 Administration Building  
Monday, 10 October 1955

Mr. Dulles Presiding

General C. P. Cabell, Deputy Director  
Robert Amory, Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Frank Wisner, Deputy Director for Plans  
Col. L. K. White, Deputy Director for Support  
Lyman Kirkpatrick, Inspector General  
Richard Bissell, Special Asst. to the Director for Plans & Coordination  
Harrison G. Reynolds, Director of Personnel  
Matthew Baird, Director of Training  
[redacted] Assistant Director for Communications  
[redacted] Executive Assistant to the Director  
[redacted] Assistant to the Director  
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[redacted] Special Support Assist. to the Deputy Director for Support  
Dr. James Andrews, Assistant Director for Central Reference  
James Angleton, Chief, CI Staff, DD/P  
George Aurell, Chief, Far East Division  
[redacted] Chief, [redacted]  
[redacted] Chief, Planning and Program Coord. Staff  
[redacted] Chief, Western European Division  
John Bross, Chief, Eastern European Division  
George Carey, Assistant Director for Operations  
[redacted] Deputy Director of Security  
[redacted] Assistant Director of Basic Intelligence  
[redacted] Auditor-in-Chief  
James Garrison, Director of Logistics  
[redacted] Chief, Technical Services Staff  
[redacted] Chief, Near East and Africa Division  
Dr. Otto Guthe, Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
Richard Helms, Chief of Operations, DD/P  
Lawrence Houston, General Counsel  
Dr. Sherman Kent, Assistant Director for National Estimates  
Col. J. C. King, Chief, Western Hemisphere Division  
[redacted] Deputy Director for Support  
[redacted] Chief, Soviet Russia Division  
Cord Meyer, Chief, [redacted]  
[redacted] Management Officer  
Walter Pforzheimer, Legislative Counsel  
[redacted] Chief, Southeast Europe Division  
Kermit Roosevelt, Asst. Dept. Director for [redacted]  
Edward R. Saunders, Comptroller  
Dr. Herbert Scoville, Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

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Huntington Sheldon, Assistant Director for Current Intelligence

[Redacted] Chief, Foreign Intelligence Staff

Dr. John Tietjen, Chief, Medical Staff

[Redacted] Deputy director of Personnel  
Office of DD/I

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1. DCI COMMENTS ON EUROPEAN TRIP

Mr. Dulles opened the meeting by remarking that he had just returned from a trip to Europe [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that he thinks, on the whole, we are getting more professional and more competent but he dislikes the constant tendency to expand as more jobs are placed upon us. He wishes everyone to combat and check this tendency conscientiously wherever possible and to assume some of the additional load through increased efficiency, realignment of work, elimination of marginal operations, etc.

Mr. Dulles commented that he was much impressed with the "new look" following the Geneva Summit Conferences. He noted that because war-weary countries are welcoming easing of tensions and Communist Parties are gaining more respectability, an even higher degree of talent and sophistication will be required of us than has been the case in the past.

Mr. Dulles noted that on 13 October he would be making his periodic presentation to the NSC of the covert side of our work. He commented that he believes the post-Geneva atmosphere will require that U.S. efforts in the covert field be greatly increased.

2. STATUS OF NEW CIA BUILDING

Mr. Dulles reported that the firm of Harrison and Abramovitz had been selected as the architects for the new building. He noted that they had been the senior architects for the UN Building and for Radio City in New York. They have been working on preliminary plans and when the Clark and Rapuano engineering survey is completed shortly, they will be able to proceed further.

Col. White added that after preliminary study the architects have recommended that we have a minimum of 140 rather than 100 acres. Col. White also advised that there has now been established in the Logistics Office a special building planning group plus a person assigned from each Deputy Director's office to have full time liaison with this group. The objective of this planning group will be to nail down accurately space and other special problems and requirements of all components of the Agency for the new building. In addition Col. White stated that a new steering committee composed of the Deputy Directors will make policy recommendations to the DCI. Col. White also remarked that there have been quite a number of suggestions respecting the new building which have been feeding into the incentive awards system. He stated that he does not feel this is the proper channel for such suggestions and asked that they be sent to the special planning group in the Office of Logistics.

Mr. Dulles noted that he feels strongly that we should give careful attention to all aspects of the building and make it unique in many ways from the point of view of employee morale. He stated that he does not mean it should be plush but it should be comfortable and pleasant from the employees' point of view and with adequate parking facilities.

### 3. CORRIDOR GOSSIP

General Cabell stated that he wished to make a few remarks on "Corridor Gossip". He commented that he had recently become aware of extensive loose talk on business matters and personalities and that the "need to know" principle is being ignored. General Cabell stated that this loose talk takes place in corridors, offices and mens' rooms as well as on streets, in bars, restaurants, etc. It violates all compartmentation and "need to know" rules which General Cabell has always admired here. He pointed out that this practice is not professional and it leads to a breakdown of mutual confidences as well as security. General Cabell stated that the locale of such gossip is not the important thing, that he wishes to curb and discourage the practice of gossip and loose talk in any way, shape or form and in any place.

Mr. Dulles subscribed whole-heartedly to General Cabell's comments on Corridor Gossip.

### 4. STATUS OF CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES DRIVE

Mr. Reynolds stated he would like to make a preliminary report of the status of the Agency's first attempt at staging a consolidated once-a-year drive to obtain funds for all of the various charitable organizations which annually solicit funds. Mr. Reynolds noted that the drive is not yet over but early returns indicate that it will be most successful.

Mr. Reynolds stated that based on previous years collections within the Agency by various charitable organizations, an Agency quota of \$70,000 was established for this year's Consolidated Charities Drive. He then reported that all components of the Agency have already surpassed their individual quotas and that the total collected so far for the entire Agency stands at \$87,000.

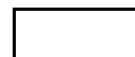
Mr. Dulles commented that this is a most gratifying report and he wishes a notice to be issued to all employees offering them his congratulations and encouragement to keep up the good work.

### 5. JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON CIA

Mr. Dulles remarked that he had recently had a very pleasant talk with Senator Mansfield concerning his proposal to establish a Joint Congressional Committee for CIA. Mr. Dulles stated that Senator Mansfield still plans to press his ideas for such a committee in the next Congress but that Senator Mansfield's ideas are now much more in line with ours than was formerly the case.

### 6. VIEWS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Mr. Wisner stated that at a recent important meeting called by the Secretary of State, the Secretary expressed his great concern over the way developments have recently been going against the US on a world-wide basis. He then went into the SEATO Treaty mechanism as a specific illustration. The



Secretary pointed out that the key interests of the nations in Southeast Asia have been to see that a great deal of worthwhile accomplishments come out of the SEATO organization. He noted that it has not always appeared to the SEA nations that we have been trying to help. The Secretary then asked that all of those present come up with the very best suggestions of which they were capable in order to give SEATO a real meaning to its members. He stated that by next February he wants to be able to show real concrete achievements resulting from SEATO. Mr. Wisner noted that we should be able to contribute a good deal to this effort.